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## **City of Cayce Hosts “Build Your Own Rain Barrel” Workshop**

The City of Cayce will host a Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop in conjunction with the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC) on Monday, November 18, 2013 from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm. The workshop will take place at the City of Cayce’s City Hall Municipal Complex located at 1800 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Representatives from City of Cayce and Lexington County Stormwater departments will present information about stormwater runoff, water pollution and rainwater harvesting before LCSC members assist attendees with building their own rain barrels.

Stormwater runoff happens when impervious surfaces such as buildings and pavement prevent the natural infiltration of rain water into the soil. When stormwater washes into storm drains it dumps directly into lakes, rivers, and streams; it is not treated at a wastewater treatment plant. The increase in volume of water to local streams and creeks not only causes issues such as erosion, siltation, and flooding, but stormwater picks up pollution such as motor oils, pesticides, fertilizers, litter and bacteria. This pollution is deposited into local waterways that also serve as recreational resources where citizens enjoy fishing, picnicking, and swimming.

Workshop attendees will learn how to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff from their property through rainwater harvesting. Rainwater harvesting is simply the capture of rainwater on your property for reuse. Rain barrels typically collect rainwater off a roof; the water can be used to water a garden, wash a car, and a variety of other outdoor uses. Plus, rainwater is free and better for plants than chlorinated tap water. Rain barrels can help save water, save money, and reduce stormwater pollution.

For more information, contact Monique Ocean, Stormwater Contact-Cayce at (803) 796-9020 ext. 3064 or the Lexington County Stormwater Department at (803) 785-8201.

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